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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ISRAELI POSITION ON SC RESOLUTION 242

1. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND I DISCUSSED BRIEFLY TONIGHT OUR
DISPUTE OVER INTERPRETATION OF THE WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE IN 242.
HE SAID HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR DIS-
CUSSION IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. BEGIN THEN CALLED MY ATTENTION
TO A STATEMENT MADE IN THE KNESSET BY DAYAN THIS AFTERNOON IN
RESPONSE TO A PARLIMENTARY QUESTION ON THIS TOPIC. HE SAID
DAYAN HAD BEEN SPEAKING WITH HIS FULL APPROVAL. HE THEN GAVE
ME THE FOLLOWING TRANSLATION OF THE QUESTION AND RESPONSE:
(TEXT FOLLOWS).

2. QUESTION: "IN ISRAEL AND ABROAD, INCLUDING IN THE NEW YORK
TIMES, REPORTS HAVE APPEARED CONCERNING S.C. RESOLUTION 242,
TO THE EFFECT THAT ISRAEL HAS ALLEGEDLY CANCELLED ITS RECOG-
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NITION OF THIS RESOLUTION.
I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE MINISTER: IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THESE
REPORTS?"

ANSWER (DAYAN): "THERE IS NO FOUNDATION TO THESE REPORTS.
THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ANNOUNCED IN THE KNESSET THAT IT ACCEPTS
RESOLUTION 242. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUES TO REMAIN IN FORCE.

AS IT IS KNOWN, THERE ARE VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS TO
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND THERE IS, IN THE VIEW OF THE
GOVERNMENT, NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PEACE PLAN, INCLUDING
OUR PROPOSALS CONCERNING JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA DISTRICT,
AND THE MEANING OF THE RESOLUTION". (END TEXT)
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